

And the said Oaths being administred to him by the hon- U. H. J.  
ble Col Holland Chief Justice of the Provincial Court He took  
them at this Board in presence of the two Delegates af<sup>d</sup>  
Subscribed the Test and Abjuration and took the Oath of  
Clerk of the House of Delegates

After which the Board adjourned till ten of the Clock to  
morrow morning

Wednesday June the 23<sup>d</sup> 1714

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The Council Sate Present as yesterday

The Honble Col Tho<sup>s</sup> Ennalls Col Tho<sup>s</sup> Greenfield John  
Hall Esq<sup>r</sup> & John Dorsey Esq<sup>r</sup> members of her Majesty's  
Council of this Province came & took the Several Oaths  
appointed by Law and Signed the Abjuration Oath & Test  
and afterwards took the Oath of Councillours in this Province  
& then were added to the Board

Ordered that the Treaty of peace Navigation and Commerce  
with Spain be published after the most Solemn Manner

The Board adjourned for two Hours

Post Meridiem

The Council Sate Present as in the morning

Then his Excellency laid before them a certain Act of As-  
sembly lately made in the Colony of Virginia Entituled an Act  
for preventing frauds in Tob<sup>o</sup> payments and for the more Effect-  
ual improving the Staple of tobacco. Which [was] read to them  
& the deliberate Consideration thereof was by his Excellency  
recommended to the Council and whether It may not be fitt to  
propose such a Law to the Consideration of the Assembly

L<sup>t</sup> Col Tilghman Ward & nine more of the Delegates  
brought from their House the following answer to his Excel-  
lency's Speech Viz.

To his Excellency John Hart Esq<sup>r</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> General & Gov-  
ernour in chief of her Majesty's Province of Maryland

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May it please Your Excellency

We the Delegates of this Province now convened in a  
general Assembly return your Excellency our most humble &  
hearty thanks for the compassionate Concern you are pleased  
to express at the misfortunes we have lain under in respect  
to Trade and for your Excellency's so tenderly recommending  
to us the consideration of a remedy